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Luly E. Massaro
Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Block Island Utility District – Docket No. 1725

Dear Luly:

As you know, this office represents the Block Island Utility District d/b/a the Block Island Power Company (“BIUD”).

We are writing to provide our comments regarding the September 12, 2019 letter request from the George Wiley Center.

BIUD has also reviewed the September 23, 2019 letter from the Pascoag Utility District (“PUD”) and BIUD fully supports PUD’s comments and requests. For the identical reasons set forth in the PUD letter, the BIUD, which is also a non-profit utility company, respectfully requests that if any version of the regulation proposed by the George Wiley Center is approved, that BIUD and PUD should both be exempted.

We also note that the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, in its comment letter of October 4, 2019, does not object to PUD’s requested exemption.

BIUD has had excellent success working out payment plans with its customers. In general, these are 6 to 12 month plans that are usually honored by our customers. We are able to craft plans that are satisfactory to both BIUD and our customers and we have very few defaults. In fact, overall we have very few customers that are in need of payment plans. For example, currently we have only two payment plans in effect, and neither of them extend past 12 months.

We therefore respectfully request that BIUD be allowed to continue to negotiate its own payment plans with its customers that fit the facts and circumstances of each individual case, and that if the PUC approves an emergency regulation, that BIUD be exempted from it.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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